

REMARKS

Claims 34-43 are pending in the subject application.

Applicant has amended claims 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 43. The changes to these claims made herein do not introduce any new matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 34-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Morimoto et al.* (“*Morimoto*”) (US 6,774,935 B1). As will be explained in more detail below, the *Morimoto* reference does not disclose each and every feature of independent claims 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 43, as amended herein.

Applicant has amended each of independent claims 34, 38, and 42 to clarify the claimed subject matter. In particular, Applicant has amended each of claims 34, 38, and 42 to specify that the first device includes a *single* connection port to which either a personal computer or a printer is *selectively* connected. In the *Morimoto* reference, the port 13A is not configured to be connected to a printer, while port 13B is not configured to be connected to a personal computer. Thus, the *Morimoto* reference does not disclose the claimed selective connection with respect to a single connection port. As such, for at least this reason, the *Morimoto* reference does not disclose each and every feature of the subject matter defined in present claims 34, 38, and 42.

Applicant has amended each of independent claims 36, 40, and 43 to specify that 1) the image data file is described with an extended markup language, 2) the communicator includes processing layers for a still image capture device class, a picture transfer protocol, and a direct printing protocol, 3) it is confirmed, with the picture transfer protocol, whether the direct printing protocol is available between the first device and the second device, and 4) a control signal is transmitted from the first device to the second device after it is confirmed that the direct printing protocol is available between the devices. The *Morimoto* reference does not disclose any of the above-listed features 1) to 4). As such, the *Morimoto* reference

does not disclose each and every feature of the subject matter defined in present claims 36, 40, and 43.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, independent claims 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 43, as amended herein, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Morimoto*. Claims 35, 37, 39, and 41, which respectively depend from claims 34, 36, 38, and 40, are likewise patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Morimoto* for at least the same reasons set forth above regarding the applicable independent claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of claims 34-43, as amended herein, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NGBCP006).

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